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SUBJECT: JAPANESE AMBASSADOR'S REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
ON SECRETARY'S PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH ENERGY ACTION
GROUP

REFERENCE: TOKYO 16188

1. AMBASSADOR YASUKAWA CALLED ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY
DESIGNATE INGERSOLL LATE AFTERNOON OF DECEMBER 13 TO SEEK
INFORMATION ON SECRETARY KISSINGER'S PROPOSAL FOR THE
NATIONS OF EUROPE, NORTH AMERICA AND JAPAN TO ESTABLISH
AN ENERGY ACTION GROUP (EAG) TO DEVELOP AN ACTION PROGRAM
ON ENERGY.

2. YASUKAWA FIRST ASKED FOR ANY GENERAL OBSERVATIONS
INGERSOLL MIGHT WISH TO MAKE. YASUKAWA SAID THAT HE
HAD ALREADY BEEN INFORMED THAT FOREIGN MINISTER OHIRA WAS
MOST INTERESTED IN THE PROPOSAL AND WOULD CONSULT WITH
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PRIME MINISTER TANAKA IN PREPARING A RESPONSE.

YASUKAWA ADDED HIS PERSONAL VIEW THAT THE PROPOSAL HAD MUCH MERIT. INGERSOLL RESPONDED BY REFERRING TO THE MANY PAST DISCUSSIONS HE AND OTHERS HAD HAD IN TOKYO ON ENERGY PROBLEMS, EVEN BEFORE THE RECENT ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT. HE SAID THAT THE SECRETARY'S PROPOSAL WAS NOT BASED ON FIXED PRECONCEPTIONS OF WHAT THE OUTCOME SHOULD BE, BUT THAT IT RECOGNIZED THE INTERDEPENDENCE OF EUROPE, NORTH AMERICA AND JAPAN, AND WAS INTENDED TO OBTAIN IDEAS FROM ALL AND INITIATE A JOINT PROGRAM OF EFFECTIVE ACTION. CONFRONTATION WITH THE ARABS, LONG SEEN BY JAPAN AS A DANGER, WAS IN NO WAY A PART OF THE PROPOSAL WHICH SPECIFICALLY INVITES PRODUCING COUNTRIES TO PARTICIPATE FROM THE BEGINNING IN ANY MATTERS OF COMMON INTEREST. RUSH

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